

REMARKS

Claims 1-16 and 18-34 are pending.

Method claims 26 and 33, indicated to contain allowable subject matter, have been rewritten in independent form. Each of these claims ultimately depend from claim 16, which has been rejected under §112. Each of claims 26 and 33 also includes the underlying amendment to claim 16 suggested by the Examiner to overcome the §112 rejection. Claim 16 is proposed to be canceled. Claims 26 and 33 should now be allowable.

Claims 18, 27, 29, 30, 31 and 32 are proposed to be made dependent from allowable claim 33.

The apparatus claims 1-15, which have been rejected, will be made the subject of a continuation application which will be filed shortly. The cancellation of these claims in this amendment is not an abandonment of the subject matter, but it is only for the purpose of expediting grant of a patent on the claims that have been indicated to contain allowable subject matter.

The amendment should be entered since it clearly places the application in condition for allowance.

A protective Notice of Appeal is being filed herewith.

Prompt and favorable action is requested.

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